

Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Promulgation of Rules Governing Presidential Primary Election Administration Local Government Expense Reimbursement, *Minnesota Rules*, 8215; Revisor's ID Number R-04620

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State requests comments on possible rules governing the categories of expenses eligible for local reimbursement for the Presidential Nomination Primary. The Office is considering rules that may prescribe and expand the categories of expenses that are reimbursable to local jurisdictions administering the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Persons Affected. The rules and possible amendments to rules would likely affect voters, local election officials and election staff, and township, city and county officials.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 207A.11, Laws 2016, chapter 162, section 9, requires the Office of the Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement the provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 207A, establishing a presidential primary election in Minnesota. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 207A.15, subd. 2, as amended by Laws 2019, 1st spec. sess., chap. 10, article 4, section 8, broadened the categories of reimbursable local expenses to provide the Secretary of State with discretion to approve additional expenses eligible for local reimbursement.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on October 4, 2019. The Office of the Secretary of State also requests comments about the “cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations,” as required by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.131(8), and whether the cost of complying with the rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will exceed \$25,000 for one small city or business, as required by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.127.

Rules Drafts. The Office of the Secretary of State has not yet drafted the possible rules and rule amendments, and is seeking feedback on the goals and objectives that should inform the drafting of these rules and rule amendments from interested persons and stakeholders. The Office of the Secretary of State does not anticipate that a draft of the rules will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Samm Bonawitz, Government Relations Director at the Office of the Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155; Phone 651-201-1334; Fax 651-296-3073; Email samm.bonawitz@state.mn.us TTY users may call the Office of Secretary of State at 711.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: July 29, 2019

Steve Simon
Secretary of State